

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing Of The Claims:**

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a case, ~~characterized in that~~ the method ~~comprising comprises:~~

~~a first step of~~ preparing a sheet material;[[,]] [[and]]

~~a second step in which~~ making a thickness of a circumferential portion of the material ~~is made~~ thinner than a thickness of a center portion of the material, so as to form the circumferential portion as a thin annular portion, which is to be formed as a peripheral wall of the case, so as to provide an intermediate product; and

forward drawing the intermediate product so that the center portion of the material is formed as a bottom of the case and the thin annular portion is formed as the peripheral wall of the case to simultaneously form the peripheral wall and the bottom of the case.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method as claimed in of claim 5, further comprising:  
wherein forward drawing [[an]] the intermediate product obtained by the second step  
is forward drawn to form a case peripheral wall, and then is also done to form an internal  
boss.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method as claimed in of claim 5, further comprising:  
wherein forward drawing [[an]] the intermediate product obtained by the second step  
is forward drawn to simultaneously form the case peripheral wall and the internal boss and  
the peripheral wall of the case.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a cup-shaped case having an internal boss,  
~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising ~~comprises:~~

~~a step of~~ preparing a sheet material[[,]];

~~a step of~~ making a thickness of a circumferential portion of the material thinner than a thickness of a center portion of the material to form a thin annular portion, which is to be formed as a peripheral wall of the case, so as to provide an intermediate product, and simultaneously stamping-forming a concavity in the center portion of the material[[,]]; and

~~a method of~~ forward drawing an intermediate product obtained by the stamping-forming to form a cup-shaped case having a bottom that is thicker than a peripheral wall so that the center portion of the material is formed as a bottom of the case and the thin annular portion is formed as the peripheral wall of the case.